



The National Indian Gaming Commission announces Hatfield as Director of Compliance to the Commission

WASHINGTON, March 25, 2014 – The National Indian Gaming Commission announced its selection of Douglas Hatfield, member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, as the Director of Compliance. Hatfield will oversee the Commission's day-to-day compliance operations in accordance with the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA), National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) regulations, Commission directives, and applicable provisions of tribal gaming ordinances and/or resolutions. In addition, Hatfield will provide support in implementing the Commission's four priorities of consultation and relationship building, training and technical assistance, regulatory review, and agency operations review.

"His experience applying NIGC regulations, especially Minimum Internal Control Standards (MICS), will be a great benefit to the Commission as it continues to implement the newly adopted regulations and review other regulations," said Acting Chairman Jonodev Chaudhuri.

Hatfield brings to the NIGC over 15 years of gaming experience, including service as Compliance Manager at the Cherokee Nation Gaming Commission, located in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. His experience also includes service as a gaming agent and an electronic game supervisor.

"I'm honored to be selected for the position of Director of Compliance with the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC). I'm enthusiastic to bring my experience to the NIGC to assist in creating an open, working relationship with all of the tribes," said Hatfield.

Hatfield holds a Bachelor of Science from Northwestern State University. He majored in Safety Management with a minor in Environment Management.

The [National Indian Gaming Commission](http://www.nigc.gov) is committed to the prompt and efficient regulation of the Indian gaming industry spanning more than 420 gaming establishments, associated with nearly 240 tribes across 28 states. The Commission's dedication to compliance with the [Indian Gaming Regulatory Act](http://www.nigc.gov) ensures the integrity of the \$27.9 billion Indian gaming industry. Visit our website at www.nigc.gov.

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